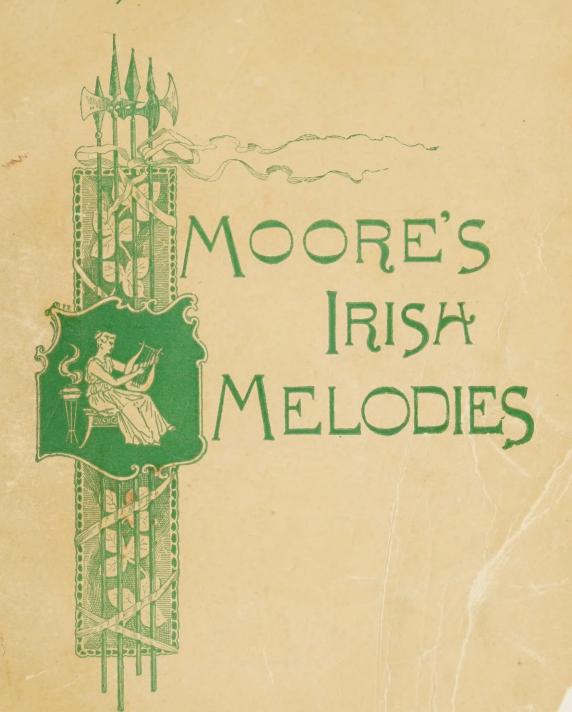


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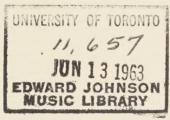
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PUBLISHERS' PREFACE TO THE REVISED EDITION.

In putting forth this new edition of "Moore's Irish Melodies" we feel that we are complying with the wishes of many thousands of his admirers throughout the land, and of those who have written to us on the subject. The airs in the old edition are, in many instances, placed too high in pitch for the ordinary voice; indeed, some of them, to be properly sung, demand a voice of unusual compass. At the same time, the melodies being peculiar in range as well as accent, (some of them ranging from notes several degrees below the treble staff, to one or two tones above it,) makes the work of judicious transposition somewhat exacting; and great care has been exercised in editing and re-arranging this new edition, so that one voice should not be robbed for the benefit of another. In many instances, too, the accompaniments were not in keeping with the requirements of modern musical taste. Therefore, while we have not altered in the slightest degree the melodies and the original ideas of accompaniment, we have placed them in keys suited to the ordinary voice, as far as practicable, and have selected the most tastefully prepared accompaniments supplied by Irish, English and American musicians (including M. W. Balfe and J. L. Molloy). We have also added many of Moore's songs together with the original melodies, that have never before appeared in an edition this side of the Atlantic, and which can be found in only one other collection. Moore's original notes and comments are also carefully preserved in this new edition.

We have aimed to improve in all respects the volume of songs that has become so dear to the hearts of the poet's countrymen, and to make this edition of the "Irish Melodies" complete and satisfactory.

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MEMOIR

OF

THOMAS MOORE.

THOMAS MOORE, the genial Irish poet and humorist, was born in Dublin, on the 28th of May, 1779. very early period of life he showed great aptitude for and a sonnet to his schoolmaster, Mr. Samuel Whyte, written in his fourteenth year, was published in a Dublin magazine, to which he con-Sheridan was one of his tributed other pieces. schoolfellows, who was then pronounced by parents and tutor to be "an incorrigible dunce." Mr. Whyte was fond of acting, and Master Moore early became his favorite show-scholar. Plays and pieces were often gotten up in order to introduce the tutor's own prologues and epilogues; and in one of his works there is introduced a play-bill of a performance which took place in the year 1790 at Lady Burrowes's private theatre in Dublin, where, among the items of the evening's entertainment, is "An Epilogue: 'A Squeeze at St. Paul's,' Master Moore."

The parents of Ireland's favorite poet were Roman Catholics, a body then proscribed and depressed by penal enactments; and they seem to have been of the number who, to use his own words, "hailed the first dazzling outbreak of the French Revolution as a signal to the slave, wherever suffering, that the day of his deliverance was near at hand." Moore states that, in 1792, he was taken by his father to one of the dinners given in honor of the great event, and sat upon the knee of the chairman while the following toast was enthusiastically sent round: "May the breezes from France fan our Irish oak into verdure."

In 1793, parliament having opened the university to Catholics, young Moore was sent to college, and soon distinguished himself by his classical attainments. In 1799, he proceeded to London to study law in the Middle Temple, and publish by subscription a translation of Anacreon. The latter appeared in the following year, dedicated to the Prince of Wales. At a subsequent period, Mr. Moore was among the keenest satirists of this prince, for which he has been accused of ingratitude; but he states himself that the whole amount of his obligations to his Royal Highness was the honor of dining twice at Carlton House, and being admitted to a great fête given by the Prince in 1811, on his being made Regent.

In 1801, Moore ventured upon a volume of original verse, put forth under the assumed name of "Thomas Little,"—an allusion to his diminutive stature. these pieces, the warmth of the young poet's feelings and imagination led him to trespass on delicacy and decorum. He had the good sense to be ashamed of these amatory juvenilia, and genius enough to redeem the fault. His offence, however, did not stand in the way of preferment. In 1803, Mr. Moore obtained an official situation at Bermuda, the duties of which were discharged by a deputy; but, this subordinate proving unfaithful, the poet suffered pecuniary losses and great embarassment. Its first effect, however, was two volumes of poetry, a series of "Odes and Epistles," published in 1806, and written during an absence of fourteen months from Europe, while the author visited Bermuda. The descriptive sketches in this wor't are remarkable for their fidelity, no less than for their poetical beauty. The style of Moore was now found; and in all his writings there is nothing finer than the opening epistle to Lord Strangford, written on board ship, by moonlight.

Strangford, written on board ship, by moonlight. After the publication of his "Odes," Mr. Moore became a satirist, attempting first the grave and serious style, in which he failed, but succeeded beyond almost any other poet in light satire, verses on the topics of the day, lively and pungent, with an abundance of witty and humorous illustration. The man of the world, the scholar, and the poetical artist are happily blended in his satirical productions, with a rich and playful fancy. His "Twopenny Post-bag," "The Fudge Family in Paris," "Fables for the Holy Alliance," and numerous small pieces written for the newspapers, to serve the cause of the Whig or Liberal party, are not excelled, in their own peculiar walk, by any satirical compositions in the language.

The great poetical and patriotic task of writing lyrics for the ancient music of his native country was begun by Mr. Moore as early as 1806. His "Irish Songs" displayed a fervor and pathos not found in his earlier works, with the most exquisite melody and purity of diction. An accomplished musician himself, it was the effort, he relates, to translate into language the emotions and passions which music appeared to him to express, that first led to his writing of any poetry worthy of the name. "Dryden," he adds, "has happily described music as being inarticulate poetry; and I have always felt, in adapting words to an expressive air, that I was bestowing upon it the gift of articulation, and thus enabled it to speak to others all that was conveyed in its wordless eloquence to myself." Part of Moore's inspiration must, however, also be attributed to national feeling. The old airs were consecrated to recollection of the ancient glories, the valor, beauty, or suffering of Ireland, and became inseparably connected with such associations. Of the "Irish Melodies," in connection with Moore's songs, ten parts were published. those patriotic songs stand those in which a moral reflection is conveyed in that metaphorical form which only Moore has been able to realize in lyrics for music.

In 1817, Mr. Moore produced his most elaborate poem, "Lalla Rookh," an Oriental romance, the accuracy of which, as regards topographical, antiquarian, and characteristic details, has been vouched for by numerous competent authorities. The poetry is brilliant and gorgeous—rich to excess with imagery and ornament, and oppressive from its sweetness and splendor. Hazlitt says that Moore should not have written "Lalla Rookh" even for three thousand guineas—the price understood to be paid by the booksellers for the copyright. It was amidst the snows of two or three Derbyshire winters, Moore says, while living in a lone cottage among the fields, that he was enabled, by that concentration of thought which retirement alone gives, to call up around him some of the sunniest of those Eastern scenes which have since been welcomed in India itself as almost native to its clime. The romance of "Vathek" alone equals "Lalla Rookh," among English fiction, in local fidelity and completeness as an Eastern tale.

After the publication of the great poem, Moore set f with Rogers on a visit to Paris. "The groups of off with Rogers on a visit to Paris. ridiculous English who were at that time swarming in all directions throughout France," says one of his biographers, "supplied the materials for his satire entitled 'The Fudge Family in Paris,'" which, in popularity and the run of successive editions, kept pace with "Lalla Rookh." In 1819, Mr. Moore made another journey to the continent in company with Lord John Russell, and this furnished his "Rhymes on the Road," a series of trifles often graceful and pleasing, but so conversational and unstudied, as to be little better—to use his own words—than "prose fringed with rhyme." From Paris, the poet and his companion proceeded, by the Simplon to Italy. Lord John took the route to Genoa, and Mr. Moore went on a visit to Lord Byron at Venice. On his return from this memorable tour, the poet took up his abode in Paris, where he resided till about the close of the year 1822. He had become involved in pecuniary difficulties (as before observed) by the conduct of the person who acted as his deputy at Bermuda. His friends pressed forward with eager kindness to help to release him, one offering to place £500 at his disposal; but he came to the resolution of "gratefully declining their offers, and endeavoring to work out his deliverance by his own efforts." In September, 1822, he was informed that an arrange-ment had been made and that he might with safety return to England. The amount of the claims of the American merchants had been reduced to the sum of one thousand guineas, and towards the payment of this, the uncle of his deputy, a rich London merchant, had been brought to contribute The Marquis of Landsdowne immediately deposited in the hands of a banker the remaining portion (£750,) which was soon repaid by the grateful bard, who, in the June following, on receiving his publisher's account, found £1000 placed to his credit from the sale of the "Loves of the Angels," and £500 from the "Fables of the Holy Alliance." The latter were partly written while Mr. Moore was at Venice with Lord Byron, and were published under the nom de plume of Thomas Brown. The "Loves of the Angels" was written in Paris. The poem is founded on "the Eastern story of the angels Harut and Marut, and the Rabbinical fictions of the loves of the Uzziel and Achamchazi," with which Mr. Moore shadowed out "the fall of the soul from its original purity, the loss of light and happiness which it suffers in the pursuit of this world's perishable pleasures, and the punishments both from conscience and divine justice with which impurity, pride and presumptuous inquiry into the awful secrets of heaven are sure to be visited." The stories of the angels are related with graceful tenderness and passion, but with too little of "the angelic air" about them.

Mr. Moore was next engaged in contributing a great number of political squibs to the *Times* news-

paper, witty, sarcastic effusions, for which he was paid at the rate of about £400 per annum.

Moore's latest imaginative work was "The Epicurean," an Eastern tale, in prose, but full of the spirit and materials of poetry, and forming, perhaps, his highest and best-sustained flight in the regions of pure romance.

Besides his works of fiction, Moore wrote the lives of "Sheridan" (1825,) and "Byron" (1830,) and "Memoirs of Lord Edward Fitzgerald" (1831). The last has little interest; but his "Life of Byron" was the work which was destroyed by Mr. Wilmot Horton and Colonel Doyle, as the representatives of Mrs. Leigh, Byron's half-sister.

Moore received £2000 from Mr. Murray for the manuscript of this particular "life," which he afterwards returned, and was re-engaged by Murray to write another "Life of Byron," for which, it is said, Moore received no less than £4.870.

From the foregoing sketch of Moore's life and works, it will be seen that he was remarkable for his industry, genius and acquirements. His career was one of high honor and success. No poet was more universally read or more courted in society by individuals distinguished for rank, literature, or public service. His political friends, when in office, rewarded him with a pension of £300 per annum, and as his writings were profitable as well as popular, his latter days might have been spent in comfort without the anxieties of protracted authorship.

Moore's residence was in a cottage in Wiltshire, but was too often in London in those gay and brilliant circles which he enriched with his wit and genius. In 1841-42, he gave to the world a complete collection of his poetical works, in ten volumes, to which are prefixed some interesting literary and personal details. Latterly the poet's mind gave way, and he sank into a state of imbecility, from which he was released by death, February 26, 1852.

Moore left behind him copious memoirs, journal, and correspondence, which, by the poet's request, were, after his death, placed for publication in the hands of his illustrious friend, Lord John Russell. By this posthumous work, a sum of £3000 was realized for Moore's widow. The journal disappointed the public. Slight personal details, brief anecdotes and witticisms, with records of dinner parties, visits and fashionable routs, fill the bulk of eight printed volumes. His friends were affectionate and faithful, always ready to help him in his difficulties, and his publishers appear to have treated him with great liberality. He was constantly drawing upon them to meet emergencies, and his drafts were always honored. Money was offered to him on all hands, but his independent spirit and joyous temperament, combined with fits of close application, and the brilliant success of all his works, poetical and prosaic, enabled him to work his way out of every difficulty.

THE

IRISH MELODIES.

The "Irish Melodies" originated in a desire to secure in one collection, and in a form that might not pass away, the numerous national airs known among the wild and beautiful scenery of Ireland, and rapturously admired by all whose good fortune it had been to listen to their charming notes.

It was the pride of an Irishman to know that though political influence and legislative interference had labored hard to exterminate this peculiar feature of his native land, it continued to exist unharmed amidst the dangers with which it was surrounded; and, that above the noise and turmoil of distracted national affairs, its sweet and cheering melody failed

not to be heard.

"There can be no doubt," says Moore, "that to the zeal and industry of Mr. John Bunting,* Ireland is indebted for the preservation of her old national airs. During the prevalence of the Penal Code, the music of Ireland was made to share in the fate of its people. Both were alike shut out from the pale of civilized life; and seldom anywhere, but in the huts of the proscribed race, could the sweet voice of the songs of other days be heard. Even of that class, the itinerant harpers — among whom, for a long period, our ancient music had been kept alive — there remained but few to continue the precious tradition; and a great music meeting, held at Belfast in the year 1792, at which two or three still remaining of the old race of wandering harpers assisted, exhibited the last public effort made by the lovers of Irish music to preserve to their country the only grace or ornament left to her out of the wreck of all her liberties and hopes. Thus, what the fierce legislature of the Pale had endeavored vainly through so many centuries to effect - the utter extinction of Ireland's minstrelsythe deadly pressure of the penal laws had nearly, at the close of the eighteenth century, accomplished; and, but for the zeal and intelligent research of Mr. Bunting at that crisis, the greater part of our musical treasures would probably have been lost to the world. It was in the year 1796 that this gentleman published his first volume; and the national spirit and hope then awakened in Ireland, by the rapid spread of the democratic principle throughout Europe, could not but insure a most cordial reception for such a work, flattering as it was to the fond dreams of Erin's early days, and containing in itself, indeed, remarkable testimony to the truth of her claims to an early date of civilization."

"It was in the year 1797," continues Mr. Moore, "that, through the medium of Mr. Bunting's book, I was first made acquainted with the beauties of our native music. A young friend of our family, Edward Hudson, the nephew of an eminent dentist of that

name, who played with much taste and feeling on

the flute, and, unluckily for himself, was but too deeply warmed with the patriotic ardor then kindling around him, was the first who made known to me this rich mine of our country's melodies - a mine from the working of which my humble labors as a poet have since derived their sole lustre and value.

"About the same time, I formed an acquaintance, which soon grew into intimacy, with young Robert Emmet. He was my senior, I think, by one class, in the university; for when, in the first year of my course, I became a member of the debating society a sort of nursery to the authorized historical society - I found him in full reputation, not only for his learning and eloquence, but also for the blamelessness of his life and the grave suavity of his manners.

Shortly after the date of this acquaintance, Moore was the owner of a copy of Mr. Bunting's volume, and "though," as he remarks, "never regularly instructed in music, could play over the airs with

tolerable facility on the piano-forte."
"Robert Emmet," says Mr. Moore, "used sometimes to sit by me when I was thus engaged; and I remember one day his starting up as from a reverie when I had just finished playing that spirited tune called the 'Red Fox' + and exclaiming: 'Oh! that I were at the head of twenty thousand men, marching

" How little did I then think that in one of the most touching of the sweet airs I used to play to him, his own dying words would find an interpreter so worthy of their sad but proud feeling; tor that another of those mournful strains § would long be associated, in the hearts of his countrymen, with the memory of her || who shared with Ireland his last blessing and

prayer. "Though fully alive, of course, to the feelings which such music could not but inspire. I had not vet undertaken the task of adapting words to any of the

In 1807, an announcement was made of a proposed publication of "a Collection of the best Original Irish Melodies, with characteristic symphonies and accompaniments, and with words, containing as frequently as possible, allusions to the manners and history of the country." Moore immediately engaged with zeal and alacrity in a work so congenial with every feeling of his heart. He addressed a letter to Sir John Stevenson, which, as it gives a very comprehensive view of the matter, we transcribe.

Mr. Moore says: "I feel very anxious that a work of this kind should be undertaken. We have too long neglected the only talent for which our English

^{*}The first book-collection of the old melodies of Ireland was published by this gentleman.

^{† &}quot;Let Erin remember the days of old." t "Oh! breathe not his name." s "She is far from the land where her young hero sleeps." Miss Curran.

The first edition of "Moore's Irish Melodies."

neighbors ever deigned to allow us any credit. Our national music has never been properly collected;* and while the composers of the continent have enriched their operas and sonatas with melodies borrowed from Ireland - very often without even the honesty of acknowledgment - we have left these treasures, in a great degree, unclaimed and fugitive-Thus our airs, like too many of our countrymen, have, for want of protection at home, passed into the service of foreigners. But we are come, I hope, to a better period of both politics and music; and how much they are connected, in Ireland, at least, appears too plainly in the tone of sorrow and depression which characterizes most of our early songs.

"The task which you propose to me, of adapting words to these airs, is by no means easy. The poet who would follow the various sentiments which they express, must feel and understand that rapid fluctuation of spirits, that unaccountable mixture of gloom and levity, which composes the character of my countrymen, and has deeply tinged their music. Even in their liveliest strains we find some melancholy note intrude - some minor third or flat seventh - which throws its shade as it passes, and makes even mirth interesting. If Burns had been an Irishman, (and I would willingly give up all claims upon Ossian for him,) his heart would have been proud of such music, and his genius would have made it immortal.

"Another difficulty,-which is, however, purely mechanical, — arises from the irregular structure of many of these airs, and the lawless kind of metre which it will in consequence be necessary to adapt to them. In these instances, the poet must write not to the eye but to the ear, and must be content to have his verses of that description which Cicero mentions, 'Quos si cantu spoliaveris nuda remanebit oratio.' That beautiful air, 'The Twisting of the Rope,' which has all the romantic character of the Swiss 'Ranz des Vaches,' is one of those wild sentimental rakes which it will not be easy to tie down in sober wedlock with poetry. However, notwithstanding all these difficulties, and the very moderate portion of talent which I can bring to surmount them, the design appears to me so truly national, that I shall feel much pleasure in giving it all the assistance in my power.'

It was a fortunate circumstance that two persons were found so well fitted to write Ireland's minstrelsy and song, as were Moore and Stevenson.+ set apart for each was one of much difficulty, and one which required much severe toil to accomplish.

Moore has made a few memoranda and brief notices of several of the most popular of the melodies. "Of the few songs written with a concealed political feeling-such as 'When He Who Adores Thee' and one or two more, - the most successful in its day was 'When First I Met Thee Warm and Young,' which alluded in its hidden sense to the Prince Regent's desertion of his political friends. It was little less, I own, than profanation to disturb the sentiments of so beautiful an air by any connection with such a subject. The great success of this song, soon after I wrote it, among a large party staying at Chatsworth, is thus alluded to in one of Lord Byron's letters to me: 'I have heard from London, that you have left Chatsworth and all there full of 'entusy-. and, in particular that 'When I First musy,' Met Thee' has been quite overwhelming in its effect. I told you it was one of the best things you ever wrote, though that dog * * * wanted you to omit part of it.

" It has been sometimes supposed that Oh, Breathe Not His Name,' was meant to allude to Lord Edward Fitzgerald; but this is a mistake; the song having

been suggested by the well-known passage in Robert Emmet's dying speech, 'Let no man write my epitaph . let my tomb remain uninscribed, till other times and other men shall learn to do justice to my memory.

"The feeble attempts to commemorate the glory of the Great Duke, ‡ 'When History's Muse, etc.,' is in so far remarkable, that it is made up amply for its want of poetical spirit, by an outpouring, rarely granted to bards in these days, of the spirit of prophecy. It was in the year 1815 that the following lines first made their appearance:

'And still the last crown of thy toils is remaining,
The grandest, the purest, e'en thou hast yet known;
Though proud was thy task, other nations unchaining,
Far prouder to heal the deep wounds of thy own.
At the foot of that throne for whose weal thou hast stood,
Go, plead for the land that first cradled thy fame,'" etc.

About fourteen years after these lines were written, the Duke of Wellington recommended to the throne the great measure of Catholic Emancipation.

The fancy of the "Origin of the Irish Harp" was suggested by a drawing made, under peculiarly painful circumstances, by the friend previously mentioned, Edward Hudson. When, in consequence of the compact entered into between government and the chief leaders of the conspiracy, the state prisoners, before proceeding into exile, were allowed to see their friends, I paid Mr. Hudson a visit, in the jail of Kilmainham, where he had then lain immured for four or five months, hearing of friend after friend being led out to death, and expecting every week his own turn to come. I found that to amuse his solitude he had made a large drawing with charcoal on the wall of his prison, representing that fancied origin of the Irish Harp, which, some years after, I adopted as the subject of one of the Melodies. In connection with another of these matchless airs - one that defies poetry to do it justice - I find the following touching and singular statement in an article of the Quarterly Review. Speaking of a young and promising poetess, Lucretia Davidson, who died very early from nervous excitement, the Reviewer says, "She was particularly sensitive of music. There was one song (it was Moore's Farewell to his Harp) to which she took a special fancy. She wished to hear it only at twilight, thus (with that same perilous love of excitement which made her place the Æolian harp in the window when she was composing) seeking to increase the effect which the song produced upon a nervous system already diseasedly susceptible, - for it is said that whenever she heard this song she became pale, cold, and almost fainting, - yet it was her favorite of all songs, and gave occasion to those verses addressed in her fifteenth year to her sister.
"With the melody entitled 'Love, Valor, and Wit,"

an incident is connected, which awakened feelings in me of proud, but sad pleasure; as showing that my songs had reached the hearts of some of the descendants of those great Irish families who found themselves forced, in the days of persecution, to seek in other lands a refuge from the shame and ruin of their own, - those whose story I have thus associated with one of their country's most characteristic airs:

"Ye Blakes and O'Donnells, whose fathers resigned The green hills of their youth, among strangers to find That repose which at home they had sighed for in vain.

' From a foreign lady of this ancient extraction .whose names, could I venture to mention them, would lend to the incident an additional Irish charm, -I received, through the hands of a gentleman, a large portfolio, adorned inside with a beautiful drawing, representing Love, Wit, and Valor, as described in the song. In the border that surrounds the drawing, are introduced the favorite emblems of Erin, - the harp, the shamrock, the mitred head of St. Patrick, -together with scrolls, containing each, inscribed in

^{*} Mr. Moore acknowledged in a note to this that the valuable labors of Mr. Bunting and the patriotic genius of Miss Owenson, were out of his memory at the moment of this writing. † Sir John Stevenson supplied the accompaniments for the pianoforte; but many of them have been changed to comply with the demands of a better musical culture.

t Wellington.

letters of gold, the name of some favorite melody of the fair artist."

It is not necessary in concluding this sketch, to enter into a lengthened criticism of these admirable songs — now sparkling, now plaintive, here glowing with fervor, there laden with pathos, all teeming with exuberant illustration. The reader has them before him in all their richness of sentiment and harmony. It may be true that force and dignity are wanting to some of these lyrics; that occasionally fancy labors until art becomes too evident in strained and frigid similes: that ornament at times overlays sentiment, until nature pants beneath the glittering encumbrance; but it is equally certain that universal literature presents no lovelier or more affecting tribute to a nation's minstrelsy than the Irish Melodies of Thomas Moore.

The love of country that pervades and inspires his theme, his simple tenderness of feeling, that at once strikes the heart as instantly to melt it, his facility of creation, linked with the glad appreciation of all that

is beautiful in nature, — the grace, the elegance, the sensibility, the ingenuity, that are never absent—the astonishing and thoroughly successful adaptation of sense to sound, of sweetest poetry to thrilling music,—are claims to admiration which the most prosaic of his species will find it impossible to resist.

From the commencement of the publication of the Irish Melodies, Moore's name and fame were known in every land. From that hour success and honor attended the results of his talent and industry.

He attributed all his poetical success to his strong and inborn feeling for music. There can be no doubt that his obligations to nature in this respect were very great. Music and poetry were wedded in his heart, and were inseparably united. With him the words and the music were one. "So intimately, indeed," says an English writer, "were they united, that the sight of them crowded together in one volume, unaccompanied by notes with which they were always associated in his own mind, inflicted upon him positive pain."



MOORE'S IRISH MELODIES.

AS A BEAM O'ER THE FACE OF THE WATERS.



AS SLOW OUR SHIP HER FOAMY TRACK.



AT THE MID HOUR OF NIGHT.



* "There are countries," says Montaigne, "where they believe the souls of the happy live in all manner of liberty, in delightful fields; and it is those souls, repeating the words we utter, which we call "Echo."

EVELEEN'S BOWER. AIR--" UNKNOWN " * Arr. by BALFE. THOMAS MOORE. Andante grazioso. PIANO. P dolce 1. Oh! weep for the hour, When to E-veleen's bow'r The Lord of the Val-ley with false yows came; The moon hid her light From the heavens that night, And wept behind the clouds o'er the maid-en's shame. 2. The clouds past soon From the chaste cold moon. And heav'n smil'd a-gain with her ves - tal flame; But none will see the day When the clouds shall pass a-way, Which that

^{*} Our claim to this Air has been disputed; but they who are best acquainted with National Melodies, pronounce it to be Irish. It is generally known by the name of "The Pretty Girl of Derby, O!"





* This Balladis founded upon one of the many stories related of St. Kevin, whose bed in the rock is to be seen at Glendalough, a most gloomy and romantic spot in the county of Wicklow.

† There are many other curious traditions concerning this lake, which may be found in GIRALDUS, COLGAN, etc.

AVENGING AND BRIGHT.



* The name of this beautiful and truly Irish air, is, I am told, properly written Cruachan na Fèine, i.e. the Fenian mount, or mount of the Finnian heroes, those brave followers of Finn Mac Cool, so celebrated in the early history of our Country.

The words of this song were suggested by the very ancient Irish story called "Deirdri, or the lamentable fate of the sons of Usnach," which has been translated literally from the gaelic, by Mr. O'FLANAGAN (see Vol. I. of Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Dublin), and upon which it appears that the "Darthula" of Macpearson is founded. The treachery of Conor, king of Ulster, in putting to death the three sons of Usna, was the cause of a desolating war against Ulster, which terminated in the destruction of Eman. "This story (says Mr. O'FLANAGAN) has been from time immemorial, held in high repute as one of the three tragic stories of the Irish. These are 'The death of the children of Touran,' The death of the Children of Lear' (both regarding Tuatha da Danans) and this, 'The death of the Children of Usnach,' which is a Milesian story."— It will be recollected, that, in these Melodies, there is a Ballad upon the story of the Children of Lear or Lir: "Silent, oh Moyle!" etc.

Whatever may be thought of those sanguine claims to antiquity, which Mr. O' Flanagan and others advance for the literature of Ireland, it would be a very lasting reproach upon our nationality, if the Gaelic researches of this gentleman did not meet with all the liberal encouragement which they merit.

† "O Naisi! view the cloud that I here see in the sky! I see over Eman green a chilling cloud of blood-tinged red." Doir. dri's Song.

BEFORE THE BATTLE.



^{*} In order to bring this fine air of Carolan within the compass of the voice, it was necessary to raise some parts of it an octave higher than they are in the original setting, and to convert into a symphony the wild, characteristic passage, which, more than once, breaks so boldly across the course of the melody. The merit of this arrangement, as well as the responsibility, rests entirely with Sir John Stevenson. He gave me the air in its present harmonized form, and I found it rather a difficult task to follow with words, of any tolerable meaning, those abrupt variations of expression with which it abounds.



* "The Irish Corna was not entirely devoted to martial purposes. In the heroic ages, our ancestors quaffed Meadh out of them, as the Danish hunters do their beverage at this day."—WALKER.



COME O'ER THE SEA.



BELIEVE ME, IF ALL THOSE ENDEARING YOUNG CHARMS.

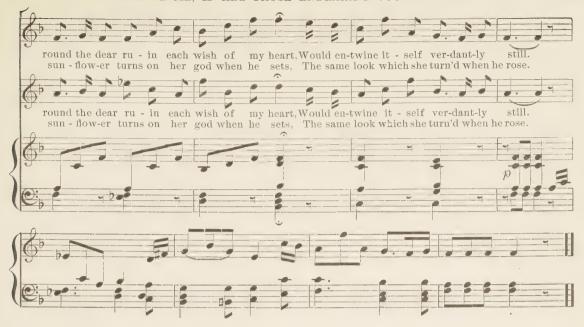
AIR .- "MY LODGING IS ON THE COLD GROUND."



BELIEVE ME, IF ALL THOSE ENDEARING YOUNG CHARMS.

DUET, SOPRANO AND TENOR.





BELIEVE ME, IF ALL THOSE ENDEARING YOUNG CHARMS.



COME, REST ON THIS BOSOM.





* Although this is not an Irish air, and has not been inserted in the European edition of Moore's Melodies, yet the great favor with which it has been received in this country, will be deemed a sufficient apology for its insertion.

HOW DEAR TO ME THE HOUR WHEN DAYLIGHT DIES.

AIR-"THE TWISTING OF THE ROPE."





NIGHT CLOSED AROUND.

AFTER THE BATTLE.





FORGET NOT THE FIELD.



ERIN! THE TEAR AND THE SMILE IN THINE EYES.



COME, SEND ROUND THE WINE.

AIR-"WE BROUGHT THE SUMMER WITH US.



DUET.







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DRINK TO HER.



DEAR HARP OF MY COUNTRY.

THE FAREWELL TO MY HARP.



^{*} In that rebellious but beautiful song, "When Erin first rose," there is if I recollect right, the following line:—
"The dark chain of silence was thrown o'er the deep."

The Chain of Silence was a sort of practical figure of rhetoric among the ancient Irish. Walker tells us of "a celebrated contention for precedence between Finn and Gaul, near Finn's palace at Almhaim, where the attending Bards, anxious, if possible, to produce a cessation of hostilities, shook the Chain of Silence, and flung themselves among the ranks." See also the "Ode to Gaul, the son of Morni," in Miss Brook's Reliques of Irish Poetry.



ERIN! OH ERIN!

SOLO AND CHORUS.



^{*} The inextinguishable fire of St. Bridget, at Kildare, which Giraldus mentions. "Apud Kildariam occurrit Ignis Sanctæ. Brigidæ, quem inextinguibilem vocant; non quod extingui non possit, sed quod tam solicite moniales et sanctæ mulieres ignem, suppetente materia, fovent et nutriunt, ut a tempore virginis per tot annorum curricula semper mansit inextinctus,"—Girald, Camb. de Mirabil. Hibern., dist. ii. c. 34.



[•] Mrs. H. Tighe, in her exquisite lines on the lily, has applied this image to a still more important subject.



FILL THE BUMPER FAIR.



HOW OFT HAS THE BANSHEE CRIED!



^{*} I have endeavoured here, without losing that Irish character which it is my object to preserve throughout this work, to allude to the sad and ominous fatality by which England has been deprived of so many great and good men, at a moment when she most requires all the aid of talents and integrity.

[†] This designation, which has been before applied to Lord Nelson, is the title given to a celebrated Irish Hero, in a Poem by O'Gnive, the bard of O'Niel, which is quoted in the "Philosophical Survey in the South of Ireland," page 433: "Con of the Hundred Fights, sleep in thy grass-grown tomb and upbraid not our defeates with thy victories." ‡ "Fox, Romanorum ultimus."

DUET.



GO WHERE GLORY WAITS THEE.

DUET.







shrin'd in thy breast, And angels themselves would admit such a guest If he came to them cloth'd in pi-e-ty's vest.

FLY NOT YET.



^{*} Golis Tons, near the Temple of Ammon.

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orbs in the skies, But this earth is the planet, for you, love, and me. Ed-ens a-bove, But this earth is the planet, for lestials have seen, Why, this earth is the planet, for you, love, and me. you, love, and me.



* "Tous les habitans Mercure e sont vifs,"-Pluralité des Mondes.

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t "La Terre pourra être pour Vénus l'étoile du berger et la mère des amours, comme Vénus l'est pour nous."—Pluralite des Mondes.

^{*} To the gentleman who favored me with this air, I am indebted for many other old and beautiful melodies, from which, if ever we resume this work, I shall be able to make a very interesting selection.

[†] Our Wicklow gold-mines, to which this verse alludes, deserve, I fear, the character here given to them.

[‡] The bird, having got its prize, settled not far off with the talisman in its mouth. The prince drew near it, hoping it would drop it; but as he approached, the bird took wing and settled again. Arabian Nights.

HAS SORROW THY YOUNG DAYS SHADED?

DUET.



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* I have here made a feeble effort to imitate that exquisite inscription of Shenstone's, "Heu! quanto minus est cum reliquis versari quam ted meminisse!"



* "In the twenty-eighth year of the reign of Henry VIII, an Act was made respecting the habits, and dress in general, of the Irish, whereby all persons were restrained from being shorn or shaven above the ears, or from wearing Glibbes, or Cordins (long locks), on their heads, or hair on the upper lips, called Crommeal. On this occasion a Song was written by one of our Bards, in which an Irish Virgin is made to give the preference to her dear Coulin (or the youth with the flowing locks), to all strangers (by which the English were meant), or those who wore their habits. Of this Song the air alone has reached us, and is universally admired."—WALKER's Historical Memoirs of Irish Bards, page 134. Mr. WALKER informs us, also, that, about the same period, there were some harsh measures taken against the Irish Minstrels.



LESBIA HATH A BEAMING EYE.





WHEN DAYLIGHT WAS YET SLEEPING UNDER THE BILLOW.

ILL OMENS.



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ILL OMENS.



^{*} Having some reason to suspect that Kitty of Coleraine is but a modern English imitation of our style, I have thought it right to give an authentic Irish air to the same words, without, however, omitting the former melody, for which the words were originally written, and to which, I believe, they are best adapted. Paddy's Resource precedes the present air.

IN THE MORNING OF LIFE.

AIR .- "THE LITTLE HARVEST ROSE."





IN THE MORNING OF LIFE.

DUET.

AIR .- "THE LITTLE HARVEST ROSE."



live in a bright beaming world of our own, And the light that surrounds us is all from within; cap, which hath spark led with pleasure so high. Now tastes of the oth - er, the dark-flow-ing urn; clouds and the mists of our own weeping skies, That call their full spir-it of fra-gran - cy out; So the





'tis not, be-lieveme,in that hap-py time We can love, as in hours of less trans-port we may; Of our then is the moment af-fec-tion can sway With a depth and a wild glow of passion may kin-dle from mirth, But'tis on-ly in grief, true af-fec-tion appears; To the a tempo.



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*"This brought on an encounter between Malachi (the Monarch of Ireland in the tenth century) and the Danes, in which Malachi defeated two of their champions, whom he encountered successively, hand to hand, taking a collar of gold from the neck of one, and carrying off the sword of the other, as trophies of his victory."—WARNER'S History of Ireland, vol. i., book ix. † "Military orders of knights were very early established in Ireland; long before the birth of Christ we find an hereditary order of Chivalry in Ulster, called Curaidhe na Craiobhe ruadh, or the Knights of the Red-Branch, from their chief seat in Emania, adjoining to the palace of the Ulster kings, called Teagh na Craiobhe ruadh, or the Acadamy of the Red-Branch; and contiguous to which was a large hospital, founded for the sick knights of soldiers, called Bronbhearg, or the house of the Sorrowful Soldier."—O'HALLORAN's Introduction, etc., part i., chap v.

It was an old tradition, in the time of Giraldus, that Lough Neagh had been originally a fountain, by whose sudden overflowing the country was inundated, and a whole region, like the Atlantis of Plato, overwhelmed. He says that the fishermen, in clear weather, used to point out to strangers the tall ecclesiastical towers under the water. Piscatores aque tillus turres ecclesiastical, que more putriæ arctæ sunt et altæ, necnon et rotundæ, sub undis manifeste sereno tempore conspiciunt, et extranets transeuntibus, relquecausas admirantibus, frequenter ostendunt.—Topogr. Hib., dist. ii. c. 9.

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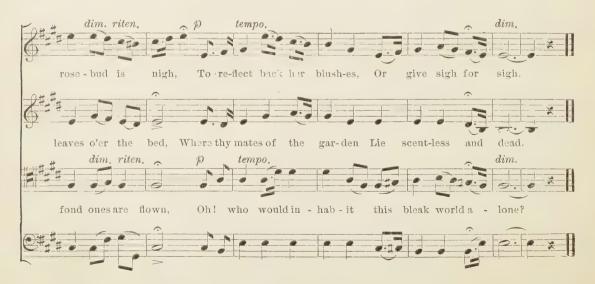
THOMAS MOORE.

QUARTET.

1st V. Sopranos in Unison, 2nd V. Tenors in Unison, 3rd V. Full Chorus. Play first four measures for Introduction and Interlude.







'TIS BELIEVED THAT THIS HARP.



* This thought was suggested by an ingenious design, prefixed to an ode upon St. Cecelia, published some years since, by Mr. Hudson, of Dublin.

LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM.



^{*} It is scarcely necessary to offer any apology for inserting a second arrangement of this choice gem.



(OH, THE DAYS ARE GONE WHEN BEAUTY BRIGHT.)







^{* &}quot;Dimidio magicæ resonant ubi Memnone chordæ. Atque vetus thebe centum jacet obruta portis." - Juvenal,

NO! NOT MORE WELCOME.



NAY, TELL ME NOT.

AIR.-" DENNIS, DON'T BE THREATENING."





OH! BLAME NOT THE BARD. *



^{*} We may suppose this apology to have been uttered by one of those wandering bards, whom Spenser so severely, and perhaps truly, describes in his *State of Ireland*; and whose poems, he tells us, "were sprinkled with some pretty flowers of their natural device, which have good grace and comeliness unto them, the which it is great pity to see abused to the gracing of wickedness and vice, which, with good usage, would serve to adorn and beautify virtue."

[†] It is conjectured by Wormius that the name of Ireland is derived from Yr, the Runic for a bow, in the use of which weapon the Irish were once very expert. This derivation is certainly more creditable to us than the following:—"So that Ireland (called the land of Ire, for the constant broils therein for 400 years) was now become the land of Concord."—LLOYD'S State-Worthies, art. "The Lord Grandison."

[‡] See the hymn, attributed to Alcæus, Εν μυρτου κλαδι το ξιφος φορησω—"I will carry my sword, hidden in myrtles, like Harmodius and Aristogiton," etc.





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OH! BLAME NOT THE BARD.

DUET.





OFT IN THE STILLY NIGHT.





OH! BREATHE NOT HIS NAME. *



^{*} This song was suggested by the well-known preface, in Robert Emmett's dying speech:—"Let no man write my epitaph.. let my tomb remain uninscribed, till other times and other men shall learn to do justice to my memory."

OH! BREATHE NOT HIS NAME.

DUET.

AIR .- "THE BROWN MAID."



SOPRANO.



- 1. Oh! breathe not his name, let it sleep in the shade, Where cold and un-hon-or'd his rel ics are laid;
- 2. But the night-dew that falls, tho' in silence it weeps, Shall brighten with verdure the grave where he sleeps;



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Sad, si-lent, and dark, be the tears that we shed, As the night-dew that falls on the grass o'er his head. And the tear that we shed, tho' in se-cretit rolls, Shall long keep his mem-o-ry green in our souls.



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OFT IN THE STILLY NIGHT. *



^{*} This song is second, perhaps, to "Home, Sweet Home," in world-wide popularity. Wherever the English tongue has found utterance—at home by the evening fireside, abroad in strange lands, or by the bivouac and camp-fire—"Oft in the Stilly Night" has always held its place in sympathetic hearts.

Though not an Irish melody, and hence not properly belonging to a collection of strictly Irish airs, we have thought best to insert it, feeling sure that its omission would be regretted by very many.—Pub. American Edition.



OH! DOUBT ME NOT.





OH, FOR THE SWORDS OF FORMER TIME!







^{*} Brien Borombe, the great Monarch of Ireland, who was killed at the battle of Clontarf, in the beginning of the eleventh century, after having defeated the Danes in twenty-five engagements.

† Munster.

† The Palace of Brien.

† This alludes to an interesting circumstance related of the Dalgais the favorite troops of Brien, when they were interrupted, in their return from the battle of Clontarf, by Fitzpatrick, Prince of Ossory. The wounded men entreated that they might be allowed to fight with the rest. "Let stakes," they said, "be stuck in the ground; and suffer each of us, tied to and supported by one of these stakes, to be placed in his rank by the side of a sound man."—"Between seven and eight hundred wounded men," adds O'Halloran, "pale, emaciated, and supported in this manner, appeared mixed with the foremost of the troops!—Never was such another sight exhibited."—History of Ireland, Book XII, Chapter I.

OH! HAD WE SOME BRIGHT LITTLE ISLE.





UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

FROM THIS HOUR THE PLEDGE IS GIVEN.





DOWN IN THE VALLEY, COME MEET ME.



5 Down at your feet, in the pale moonlight, He'll kneel with a warmth of emotion — ||: An ardor, of which such an innocent sprite You'd scarcely believe had a notion: :||

6 What other thoughts and events may arise, As in Destiny's book I've not seen them, ||: Must only be left to the stars and your eyes To settle, ere morning, between them.:||

OH! 'T IS SWEET TO THINK.

AIR. - "THADY, YOU GANDER."



^{*} I believe it is Marmontel who says "Quand on n'a pas ce que von aime, il faut aimer ce que von a."—There are so many matter-of-fact people, who take such jour d'esprit as this defence of inconstancy to be the actual and genuine sentiments of him who writes them, that they compel one, in self-defence, to be as matter-of-fact as themselves, and to remind them that Damocritus was not the worst physiologist for having playfully contended that snow was black, nor Erasmus many degree the less wise for having written an ingenious encomium on folly.



OH! THINK NOT MY SPIRITS ARE ALWAYS AS LIGHT.







SHE IS FAR FROM THE LAND.



IT IS NOT THE TEAR, AT THIS MOMENT SHED.*



^{*} These lines were occasioned by the death of a very near and dear relative who died, lately, at Madeira.

ONE BUMPER AT PARTING.





THE LEGACY.

WHEN IN DEATH I SHALL CALM RECLINE.





* "In every house was one or two harps, free to all travelers, who were the more caressed, the more they excelled in music." O'HALLORAN.

RICH AND RARE WERE THE GEMS SHE WORE.*



* This ballad is founded upon the following anecdote:—"The people were inspired with such a spirit of honor, virtue, and religion, by the great example of Brien, and by his excellent administration, that, as a proof of it, we are informed that a young lady of great beauty, adorned with jewels and a costly dress, undertook a journey alone from one end of the kingdom to the other, with a wand only in her hand, at the top of which was a ring of exceeding great value: and such an impression had the laws and government of this monarch made on the minds of all the people, that no attempt was made upon her honor, nor was she robbed of her clothes or jewels."—WARNER'S HISTORY OF IRELAND, Vol. I., Book 10.



SUBLIME WAS THE WARNING WHICH LIBERTY SPOKE.





SILENT, O MOYLE, BE THE ROAR OF THY WATER. SONG OF FIONNUALA. *

AIR. - "MY DEAR EVELEEN."



^{*} To make this story intelligible in a song, would require a much greater number of verses than any one is authorized to inflict upon an audience at once; the reader must therefore be content to learn, in a note, that Fionnuala, the daughter of Lir, was by some supernatural power transformed into a swan, and condemned to wander for many hundred years over certain lakes and rivers, in Ireland, till the coming of Christianity, when the first sound of the Mass-bell was to be the signal of her release.— I found this fanciful fiction among some manuscript translations from the Irish, which were begun under the direction of that enlightened friend of Ireland, the late Countess of Moira.



THE MEETING OF THE WATERS.*

AIR .- "THE OLD HEAD OF DENNIS."



^{* &}quot;The meeting of the Waters" forms a part of that beautiful scenery which lies between Rathdrum and Arklow, in the County of Wicklow; and these lines were suggested by a visit to this romantic spot in the summer of 1807.

† The rivers Avon and Avoca.

TAKE BACK THE VIRGIN PAGE.

(Written on Returning a Blank Book.)



THROUGH GRIEF AND THROUGH DANGER.

(THE IRISH PEASANT TO HIS MISTRESS.)



THE MINSTREL-BOY.





* The few bars, which I have taken the liberty of connecting with this spirited Air, form one of those melancholy strains of our music, which are called *Dumps*. I found it in a Collection entitled *The Hibernian Muse*, and we are told in the Essay prefixed to that Work, that "it is said to have been sung by the Irish women on the field of battle, after a terrible slaughter made by Cromwell's troops in Ireland."

THE HARP THAT ONCE THRO' TARA'S HALLS.





I'VE A SECRET TO TELL THEE.





^{*} The god of silence thus pictured by the Egyptians.

THEY KNOW NOT MY HEART.

AIR.—"COOLON DAS."



THO' DARK ARE OUR SORROWS.

(THE PRINCE'S DAY.)*

AIR.-"ST. PATRICK'S DAY."



* This song was written for a fete in honor of the Prince of Wales' birthday, given by my friend Major Bryan, at his seat in the county of Kilkenny.



THROUGH ERIN'S ISLE.





^{*}Saint Patrick is said to have made use of that species of the trefoil, to which in Ireland we give the name of Shamrock, in explaining the doctrine of the Trinity to the pagan Irish. I do not know if there be any other reason for our adoption of his plant as a national emblem. Hope, among the ancients, was sometimes represented as a beautiful child, standing upon tiptoes, and a trefoil, or three-colored grass, in her hand.

YOU REMEMBER ELLEN. AIR .-- "WERE I A CLERK." THOMAS MOORE. Arranged by M. W. BALFE. Moderato quasi andantino. mf1 You remem-ber El-len, our hamlet's pride, How meekly she bless'd her hum-ble lot, When the stranger William had They roamed a long and a weary way, Normuch was the maiden's heart at ease, When now, at close, one "Now welcome, Lady, "exclaim'd the youth, "This castle is thine, and these dark woods all." She believ'd him wild, but his made her his bride. And love was the light of their low-ly-cot. To-geth-er they toil'd thro' winds and rains. Till storm-y day. They see a proud cas-tle a-mong the trees. "To-night," said the youth, "we'll shelter there; The words were truth. For El-len is La-dy of Ros-na Hall. And dear-ly the Lord of Ros-na loves What William at length in sad-ness said, "We must seek our fortune on other plains", Theu sighing, she left her wind blows cold, the hour is late," So he blew the horn with a chieftain's air, And the porter bowed as they William the stranger woo'd and wed, And the light of bliss in these lord-ly groves, Is pure as it shone in the 事: low - ly shed. pass'd the gate. low - ly shed. mf

^{*} This ballad was suggested by a well-known and interesting story, told of a certain noble family in England.



* This alludes to a kind of Irish fairy, which is to be met with, they say, in the fields at dusk;—as long as you keep your eyes upon him, he is fixed, and in your power; but the moment you look away (and he is ingenious in furnishing some inducement) he vanishes. I had thought that this was the sprite which we call the Leprechaun; but a high authority upon such subjects, Lady Morgan (in a note upon her national and interesting novel, O'Donnel,) has given a very different account of that goblin.



THE YOUNG MAY MOON.



^{*&}quot;Steals silently to Morna's grove."—See a translation from the Irish, in Mr. Bunting's collection, by John Brown, one of my earliest college companions and friends, whose death was as singularly melancholy and unfortunate as his life had been amiable, honorable, and exemplary.



WE MAY ROAM THROUGH THIS WORLD.





THIS LIFE IS ALL CHEQUER'D WITH PLEASURES AND WOES.

AIR.-"THE BUNCH OF GREEN RUSHES."



^{*}Proposito florem prætulit officio.-Propert. lib. i. eleg. 20.



TIS GONE, AND FOR EVER.

AIR.—" SAVOURNAH DEELISH."

Arranged by M. W. BALFE.

THOMAS MOORE.



- 1. 'T is gone, and for -ev er, the light we saw break-ing, Like Hea-ven's first dawn o'er the
- 2. For high was thy hope when those glories were dart ing A round thee, thro' all the gross
- 3. But shame on those ty-rants who en-vied thy bless-ing! And shame on the light race, un-





THE DAWNING OF MORN.



THE VALLEY LAY SMILING BEFORE ME.

(Song of O'Ruark, Prince of Breffni.)



These stanzas are founded upon an event of melancholy importance to Ireland; if. as we are fold by our Irish historians, it gave England the first opportunity of dividing, conquering, and enslaving us. The following are the circumstances, as related by O'Halloran. "The King of Leinster had long conceived a violent affection for Dearbhorgii, daughter to the King of Meath, and though she had been for some time married to O'Ruark. Prince of Breffin, yet could it not restrain his passion. They carried on a private correspondence, and she informed him that O'Ruark intended soon to go on a pilgrimage (an act of piety frequent in those days), and conjured him to embrace that opportunity of conveying her from a husband she detested to a lover she adored. Mac Murchad too punctually obeyed the summons, and had the lady conveved to his capital of Ferns "—The monarch Roderic espoused the cause of O'Ruark, while Murchad field to England and obtained the assistance of Henry II.

"Such" adds Giraldus Camprensis (as I find him in an old translation), "is the variable and fickle nature of woman, by whom all mischiefs in the world (for the most part) do happen and come, as may appear by Marcus Antonius, and by the destruction of Troy."



TO LADIES' EYES.





WHAT THE BEE IS TO THE FLOW'RET.



WHEN COLD IN THE EARTH.



^{*} Our right to to this fine air (the "Lochaber" of the Scotch) will. I fear, be disputed; but as it has been long connected with Irish words, and is confidently claimed for us by Mr. Bunting and others, I thought I should not be authorized in leaving it out of the collection.



WHENE'ER I SEE THOSE SMILING EYES.





WHEN FIRST I MET THEE.



^{*} This beautiful Irish air was sent to me by a gentleman of Oxford. There is much pathos in the original words, and both words and music have all the features of authenticity.







I WISH I WAS BY THAT DIM LAKE.

AIR.—"SHULE AROON."

NOTE. The following words are often sung to the same melody as "Alone In Crowds," (Shule Aroon). There are a number of songs set to this melody, ("I Wish I Was on Yonder Hill," "Shule Agra," etc.,), but the two here given are the only ones of Moore's.—Editor.

- 1 I wish I was by that dim lake* Where sinful souls their farewell take Of this vain world, and half way lie In death's cold shadow, ere they die. There, there, far from thee, Deceitful world, my home should be, Where, come what might of gloom and pain, False hope should ne'er deceive again.
- 2 The lifeless sky, the mournful sound Of unseen waters, falling round -The dry leaves quiv'ring o'er my head, Like man, unquiet ev'n when dead — These, aye, these should wean My soul from life's deluding scene, And turn each thought, each wish I have, Like willows, downward t'wards the grave.
- 3 As they, who to their couch at night, Would welcome sleep, first quench the light, So must the hopes that keep this breast Awake, be quenched, ere it can rest. Cold, cold my heart must grow, Unchanged by either joy or woe, Like freezing founts, where all that's thrown Within their current turns to stone.

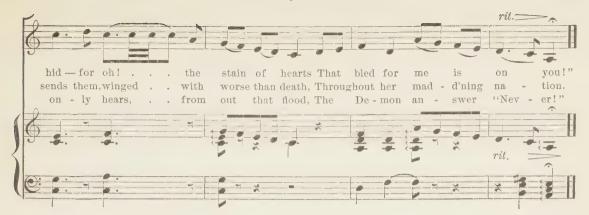
^{*}These verses are meant to allude to that ancient haunt of superstition, called Patrick's Purgatory. Dr. Campell says, "In the midst of these gloomy regions of Donegall lay a lake, which was to become the mystic scene of this fabled and intermediate state." *** * "During the dark ages it was the resort of penitents and pilgrims from almost every country in Europe."

'T WAS ONE OF THOSE DREAMS.



AS VANQUISHED ERIN.





WHILE HISTORY'S MUSE.





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His - to - ry

oh! there is

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THE PARALLEL.



^{*} These verses were written after a perusal of a treatise by Mr. Hamilton, professing to prove that the Irish were originally Jews.

† "Her sun is gone down while it was yet day." – Jerem. xv: 9.

And, a ruin, at last, for the earth-worm to cover, ¶ The Lady of Kingdoms | lay low in the dust.

^{§ &}quot;Thou shalt no more be termed forsaken."— Isaiah Lxii: 4.

[&]quot;How hath the oppressor ceased! the gold city ceased!"—Isaiah xiv: 4.

T". Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, * * * * and the worm covers thee."—Isaiah xiv: 11.

[&]quot;Thou shalt no more be called The Lady of Kingdoms."—Isaiah xLvii: 5.

WHEN HE, WHO ADORES THEE.*



^{*} The words allude to a story in an old Irish manuscript, which is too long and too melancholy to be inserted here.



WHILE GAZING ON THE MOON'S LIGHT.





^{*&}quot; Of such celestial bodies as are visible, the sun excepted, the single moon, as despicable as it is in comparison to most of the others, is much more beneficial than they all put together." WHISTON'S Theory, etc.

In the Entretiens d' Artiste, among other ingenious emblems, we find a starry sky without a moon, with the words, Non mille, quod absens.

[†]This image was suggested by the following thought, which occurs somewhere in Sir William Jones's works. "The moon looks upon many night flowers, the night flower sees but one moon."

WREATHE THE BOWL. AIR. — "NORA KISTA." Arranged by J. L. HATTON. THOMAS MOORE. Con spirito. 2. 'T was Say, of The bright - est Wit We'll Wreathe the bowl With flow'rs soul, can find us; said, Their Ju - nos, Joves, up with sands A - pol un - sight Of old, 't is los; And nec - tar fed When Time did His sub - lime, Fill ly, why glass up take a flight Tow'rds heav'n to - night, And man may brew His nec - tar too, The wine, he knew, Runs brisk - er through, And dull earth leave be - hind us. Should re-ceipt's as fol - lows: Take rich spar kles far more bright - ly? Oh, a - mid The wreaths be hid, That Joy, th'en-chant - er, brings No like this, Let looks of bliss it us, And, smil - ing thus, A - round The glass it well in two wine be blend ed, Then we'll sev lend er, Make



SWEET INNISFALLEN.

AIR .-- "THE CAPTIVATING YOUTH."



- Of sunshine he had seen and lost.
- 5 Far better in thy weeping hours To part from thee, as I do now, When mist is o'er thy blooming bowers, Like sorrow's veil on beauty's brow.
- 6 For, though unrivalled still thy grace, Thou dost not look, as then, too blest, But, thus in shadow, seem'st a place Where erring man might hope to rest.
- Like thine, hung weeping o'er his way.
- 8 Weeping or smiling, lovely Isle!
 And all the lovlier for thy tears— For, though but rare thy sunny smile, 'T is heav'ns own glance when it appears.
- 9 Like feeling hearts, whose joys are few, But, when indeed they come, divine— The brightest light the sun e'er threw Is lifeless to one gleam of thine.

THOUGH HUMBLE THE BANQUET.

AIR.--" FAREWELL EAMON."



THE SONG OF INNISFAIL. THEY CAME FROM A LAND BEYOND THE SEA.

AIR.—" PEGGY BAWN."



*"Milesius rememberd the remarkable prediction of the principal Druid, who foretold that the posterity of Gadelus should obtain the possession of a western island (Ireland), and there inhabit."—Keating.

THERE ARE SOUNDS OF MIRTH.



^{*}The "Rocking Stones" of the Druids, some of which no force is able to dislodge from their stations.

SONG OF THE BATTLE EVE.

TO-MORROW, COMRADE, WE.

AIR.-" CRUISKEEN LAWN."





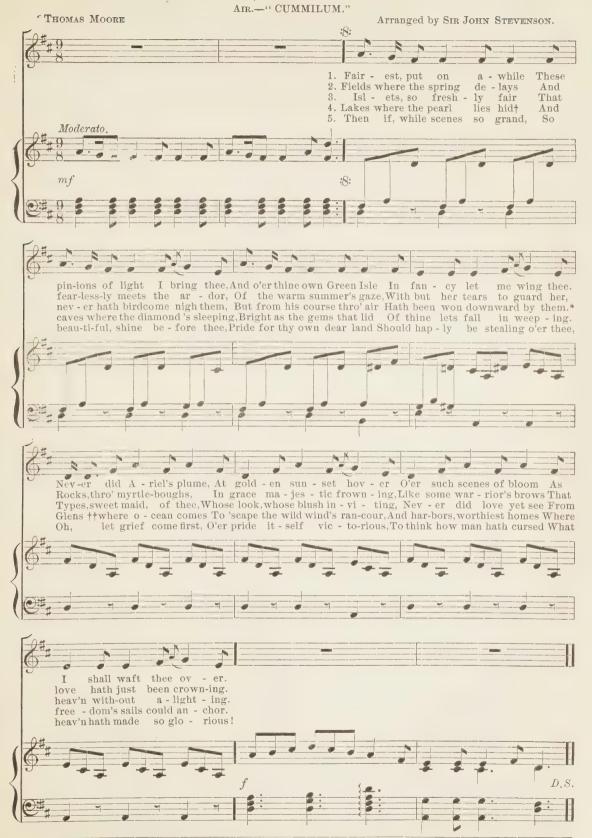
*The palace of Finn MacCumhal, in Leinster. It was built on the top of a hill, which has retained from thence the name of the hill of Allen, in the county of Kildare. The Finians were the celebrated National Militia of Ireland, which this chief commanded.

THE DREAM OF THOSE DAYS.



^{*} Written in one of those moods of hopelessness and disgust, which come occasionally over the mind, in contemplating the present state of Irish patriotism.

FAIREST, PUT ON AWHILE.



^{*} In the Skeligs there is a certain attraction in the soil which draws down all birds that attempt to fly over it.

[†] Nenníus, a writer of the 9th century, mentions the abundance of pearls in Ireland. — O'Halloran.

^{††} Glengariff.





THE NIGHT-DANCE. STRIKE THE GAY HARP, SEE THE MOON IS ON HIGH.



SING, SWEET HARP, OH, SING TO ME.



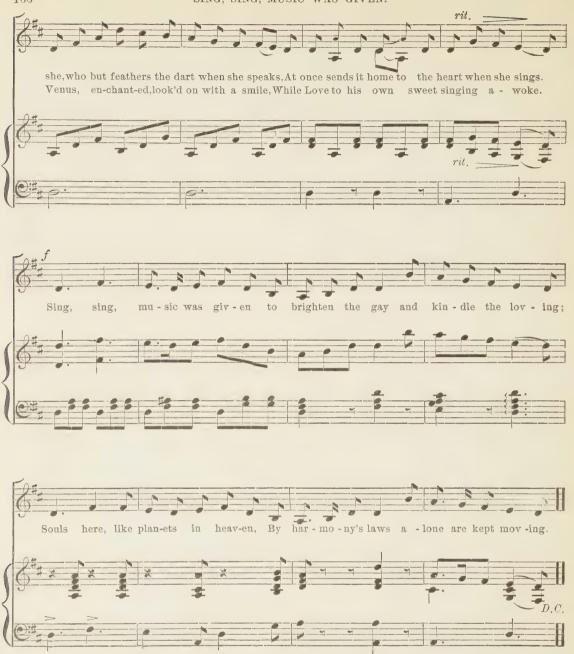
SHE SUNG OF LOVE.



SING, SING, MUSIC WAS GIVEN.

AIR.—"HUMORS OF BALLYMAGUIRY."





SILENCE IS IN OUR FESTAL HALLS.*

AIR. - "GREEN WOODS OF TRUIGHA."



 $[\]ensuremath{*}$ Written as a tribute to the memory of his old colleague, Sir John Stevenson.



SHALL THE HARP THEN BE SILENT?



O YE DEAD!





QUICK! WE HAVE BUT A SECOND.



^{*} Paul Zeland mentions that there is a mountain in some part of Ireland, where the ghosts of persons who have died in foreign lands walk about and converse with those they meet, like living people. If asked, why they do not return to their homes, they say they are obliged to go to Mount Hecla, and disappear immediately.



SAIL ON, SAIL ON.



OH, COULD WE DO WITH THIS WORLD OF OURS.



OH, THE SIGHT ENTRANCING.

AIR.- " PLANXTY SUDLEY."



OH, BANQUET NOT IN THOSE SHINING BOWERS.

AIR.—"PLANXTY IRWINE."





• The inhabitants of Arranmore are still persuaded that, in a clear day, they can see from this coast Hy Brysail, or the Enchanted Island, the paradise of the Pagan Irish, and concerning which they relate a number of romantic stories. Beaufort's Ancient Topography of Ireland.

SONG OF O'DONOHUE'S MISTRESS.*

OF ALL THE FAIR MONTHS, THAT ROUND THE SUN.

AIR .- "THE LITTLE AND GREAT MOUNTAIN."

Arranged by J. C. M. THOMAS MOORE. 1. 2. 3. Ŏf White, Of Moderato. P I T mfall the fair months that round the sun In light linked dance their cir - cles run, Sweet May, sweet May, shine all the fair months that round the sun in light linked dance their cir-cles run, sweet may, sweet may, sinne all the bright haunts where daylight leaves Its lin-ger-ing smile on all the proud steeds that ev - er bore Young plum - ed chiefs on white as the sail some bark unfurls, When new - ly launched, thy white mane *curls, Fair Steed, fair Steed, as all the sweet deaths that maidens die, Whose lov - ers beneath the cold waves lie, Most sweet, most sweet that 1 -1 For still, when thy ear-liest beams a-rise, That thou for me; Sweet May, shine thou me. dear-est to me; Fair Lake, thou'rt dearest to joy to thee; white Steed, most joy to white and free; Fair Steed, as white and death will be; most sweet that death wil For, when the last A - pril sun grows dim, Thy Who still, with the first young glance of spring, From And spir-its, from all the lake's deep bow'rs, Glide Which was don't he part May are in the Whole with the part who will be spired by the whole when he will be spired by the work when he was the spire when the spire will be spired by the work when the spire when t thee, . . free, Which, un - der the next May ev'ning's light, When will be, . **@**: blue lake lies, Sweet May, sweet May, returns to me, Sweet May returns to me, Naiads prepare his steed for him Who dwells, who dwells, bright Lake, in thee, Who dwells bright Lake, in thee, under that glo-rious lake doth bring My love, my love, my Chief, to me; My love, my love to thee. See the blue wave. Scatt-'ring flow-ers A-round, a-round, my love and thee; Around, my love and thee to sight, Dear love, dear love, I'll die for thee; Dear love I'll die for thee. youth, who beneath the 0

^{*} The particulars of the tradition respecting O'Donohue and his white horse may be found in Mr. Weld's account of Killarney, or more fully detailed in Derrick's Letters. For many years after his death, the spirit of this hero is supposed to have been seen, on the morning of May-day, gliding over the lake on his favorite white horse, to the sound of sweet unearthly music, and preceded by groups of youths and maideus, who flung wreaths of delicate spring flowers in his path. Among other stories connected with this legend of the Lakes, it is said that there was a young and beautiful girl whose imagination was so impressed with the idea of this visionary chieftain, that she fancied herself in love with him, and at last, in a fit of insanity, on a May-morning, threw herself into the Lake.



It was the custom of the ancient Irish, in the manner of the Scythians, to bury the favorite swords of their heroes along

NE'ER ASK THE HOUR.

AIR.-"MY HUSBAND'S A JOURNEY TO PORTUGAL GONE."





THE MOUNTAIN SPRITE. IN YONDER VALLEY, THERE DWELT ALONE.



DESMOND'S SONG.*

BY THE TEAL'S WAVE BENIGHTED.



* "Thomas, the heir of the Desmond famliy, had accidentally, while in the chase, been benighted near Tralee, and was obliged to take shelter at the Abbey of Teal, in the house of one of his dependents, named Mac Cormac. He instantly became enamoured of the host's beautiful daughter, Catherine. He eventually married her, but his followers regarded this step as an unpardonable degradation of himself and family."—Leiand, Vol. II.

AND DOTH NOT A MEETING LIKE THIS.





- 4 So brief our existence, a glimpse, at the most,
 Is all we can have of the few we hold dear;
 And oft even joy is unheeded and lost,
 For want of some heart that could echo it, near.
 Ah, well may we hope, when this short life is
 gone,
 - To meet in some world of more permanent bliss, For, a smile or a grasp of the hand, hast'ning on, Is all we enjoy of each other in this.†
- 5 But, come,—the more rare such delights to the heart,
 The more we should welcome and bless them the
 more—
 [part,
 They're ours when we meet, they are lost when we
 - They 're ours when we meet, they are lost when we Like birds that bring summer, and fly when 'tis o'er. Thus circling the cup, hand in hand, ere we drink, Let sympathy pledge us, thro' pleasure, thro' pain, That fast as a feeling but touches one link, Her magic shall send it direct through the chain.

DRINK OF THIS CUP.



^{*} The same thought has been happily expressed by my friend Mr. Washington Irving, in his "Bracebridge Hall."



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